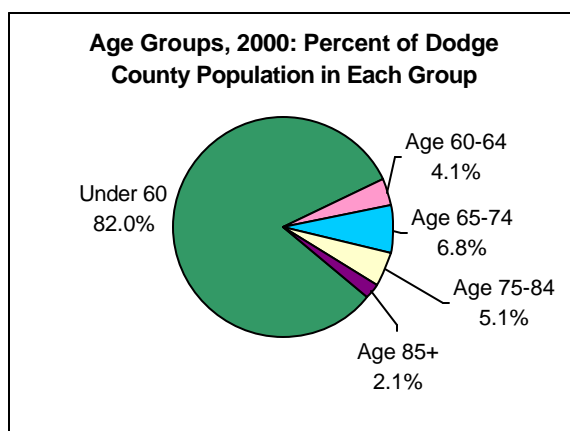

Dodge County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Dodge County is similar to that of the state as a whole (14.0% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been slower in this county than in the state as a whole (5.7% versus 7.9%). In all, 11,986 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 1,810 of these are age 85 or older. Dodge County's average (or median) age is 37.0 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Dodge County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	85,897		76,559		9,338	12.2%
Persons 60 and over	15,467	18.0%	14,706	19.2%	761	5.2%
Persons 65 and over	11,986	14.0%	11,342	14.8%	644	5.7%
Persons 85 and over	1,810	2.1%	1,443	1.9%	367	25.4%



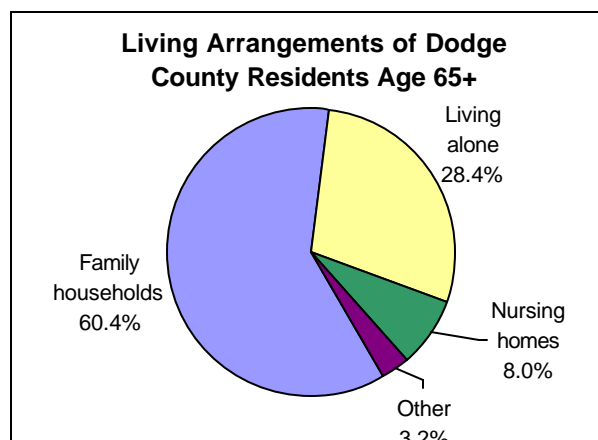
Race:

A large majority (99.5%) of Dodge County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Dodge County African Americans have a median age of 30.7 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 24.1 years. Whites, in contrast, average 37.7 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 31,417 households in Dodge County, 7,925 include at least one person age 65 or older (25.2% of all households). A total of 7,501 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 76.1% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (60.4%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 28.4% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.2% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 963 people age 65 and older live in Dodge County nursing homes (8.0% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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